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## ***Shuster Announces Fire Grant for the Pleasant Hall Volunteer Fire Company of Franklin County***

*Washington, D.C.* – **Congressman Bill Shuster** is pleased to announce that the Pleasant Hall Volunteer Fire Company has been awarded a grant in the amount of \$15,770 through the Department of Homeland Security’s Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program.

The fire company will use the funding to purchase a washer and dryer system for its turnout gear and other protective clothing.

“I congratulate the volunteers of the Pleasant Hall V.F.C. for their successful grant application,” Shuster said. “This grant once again showcases just how important this program is. The washer-dryer system will keep the firefighters’ gear in top shape, preserving its integrity and lengthening its lifespan. Over the course of its use in the firehouse, the washer and dryer will pay for itself.”

“These units will enable us to decontaminate our turnout gear in-house as opposed to having to send it out and have it done elsewhere, thus saving money and the turn-around-time being without this gear. We will also be able to dry fire hose after use,” said Fire Chief Paul “Ted” Reed.

“These Assistance to Firefighters Grants are a great way for volunteer fire companies to afford needed equipment in these times of financial struggles”

The AFG Program provides financial assistance directly to fire departments and nonaffiliated emergency medical service (EMS) organizations to enhance their capabilities with respect to fire and fire-related hazards. The primary goal of the program is to help fire departments and nonaffiliated EMS organizations meet their firefighting and emergency response needs. The AFG Program seeks to support organizations that lack the tools and resources necessary to more effectively protect the life and safety of the public and their emergency response personnel with respect to fire and all other hazards.

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